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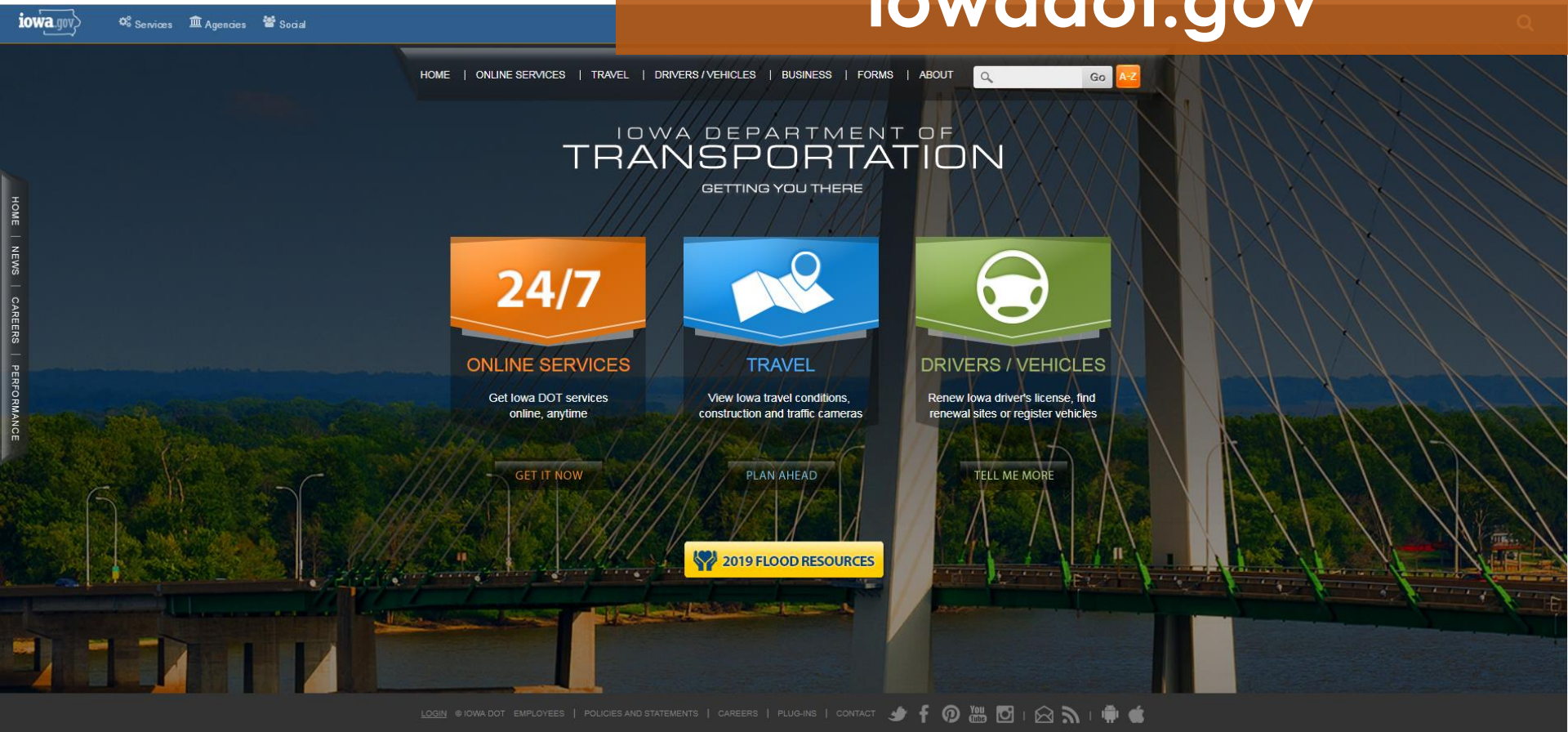


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IOWA DOT NEWS RELEASE
FLOODING IN WESTERN IOWA IS CLOSING INTERSTATE 29 IN TWO LOCATIONS

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AMES, Iowa – May 29, 2019 – Flooding has closed Interstate 29 between exit 61 (I-680 near Crescent) and exit 71 (I-680 near Loveland) according to the Iowa Department of Transportation. A detour is in operation for this area.

In addition, IOWA DOT is planning to close I-29 from U.S. 34 to the Missouri Border at 11 a.m. today.

Across Iowa, there are several other road closures in place. These include:

- Bluffs (local detour in place)
- to the Nebraska border
- to the Nebraska border
- and exit ramps south of U.S. 34

fully closed due to flooding:

Moosa
Plaine
view

Conditions and conditions can change quickly. Other closures are expected. Travelers should use the mobile app or call 511 (within Iowa) or 800-288-1047 (nationwide) for up-to-date closure information across Iowa. Closures due to flooding can be viewed by turning on the incident information and recovery resources, as well as an image gallery showing the flood damage and news.iowadot.gov/.

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MESSAGE MONDAY - NO TEXTS, NO BOOKS, NO DIRTY LOOKS

06/03/2019

113
TRAFFIC DEATHS
THIS YEAR

NO TEXTS, NO BOOKS
NO DIRTY LOOKS

Zero Fatalities[®]

A Goal We Can All Live With

better? Data shows that the majority of drivers admit that distractions behind the wheel are dangerous, but those same people also say they commit that crime on occasion.

Avoid the dirty looks from other drivers and concentrate on the task of driving. Everyone will be safer that way.

The mantra of all school-aged kids this time of year since the 1970s - <https://youtu.be/XbNEQJMGFAo>

For 2019, there have been 113 fatalities reported. That's an increase of six since last Monday. The 2018 fatality count stands at 318. This is subject to change as law enforcement reports are completed. To see statistics published daily by the Office of Driver Services, go to the daily fatality report at <https://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/stats/daily.pdf>.

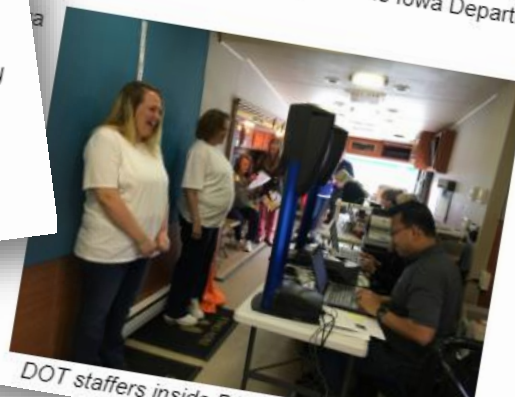
With this week's Message Monday, we've taken the liberty of updating the traditional end-of-school rhyme "No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks" to fit today's information age behind the wheel.

How many times do you see someone texting and driving? Do you know what's legal and what isn't? Even if you're stopped at a stoplight the ONLY things that are legal to do on your phone while in the driving lane of the road are talk on the phone and use GPS.

Are you guilty of breaking the law even though you know

Do you remember when you got your first driver's license or state-issued identification card? If you're like most of us, there was a sense of pride and dignity in holding that piece of plastic. For many in Iowa's correctional institutions, that sense of pride has been lost due to a loss of driving privileges. Regaining that sense of identity, whether that's a driver's license or an ID card, provides a fresh start and a vital element of future success.

The reasons behind the loss of a license are varied from the card simply expiring while someone is incarcerated to traffic fines and fines that have caused driving privileges to be suspended. Working with the Iowa Department of Corrections to release is one of the programs the Iowa Department



DOT staffers inside

Social media



55k followers
Post 5-7/day
Two-way communication



38k followers
Post 10 or more times/day
Short shelf-life, quick news



2300 followers
Post 1-2/day
More visual/human interest



Iowa DOT Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Published by Chris Moline [?] · July 23, 2015 · 🌐

I will very rarely make fun of anything that is a real safety violation especially load securement issues....but holy cow! who thought this was a good idea?

Disclaimer...I shouldn't have to say this, but No, this is not legal 😊



Iowa Department of Transportation

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Seriously people... the barricades are in place for a reason. The flooding in SW Iowa is dangerous. DO NOT drive around or move barricades and obey all posted signs. The life you save may be your own.

West I-29 @ IA-2 (IWZ 3703) 06/03/2019 12:38:05



58,841

People Reached

11,124

Engagements

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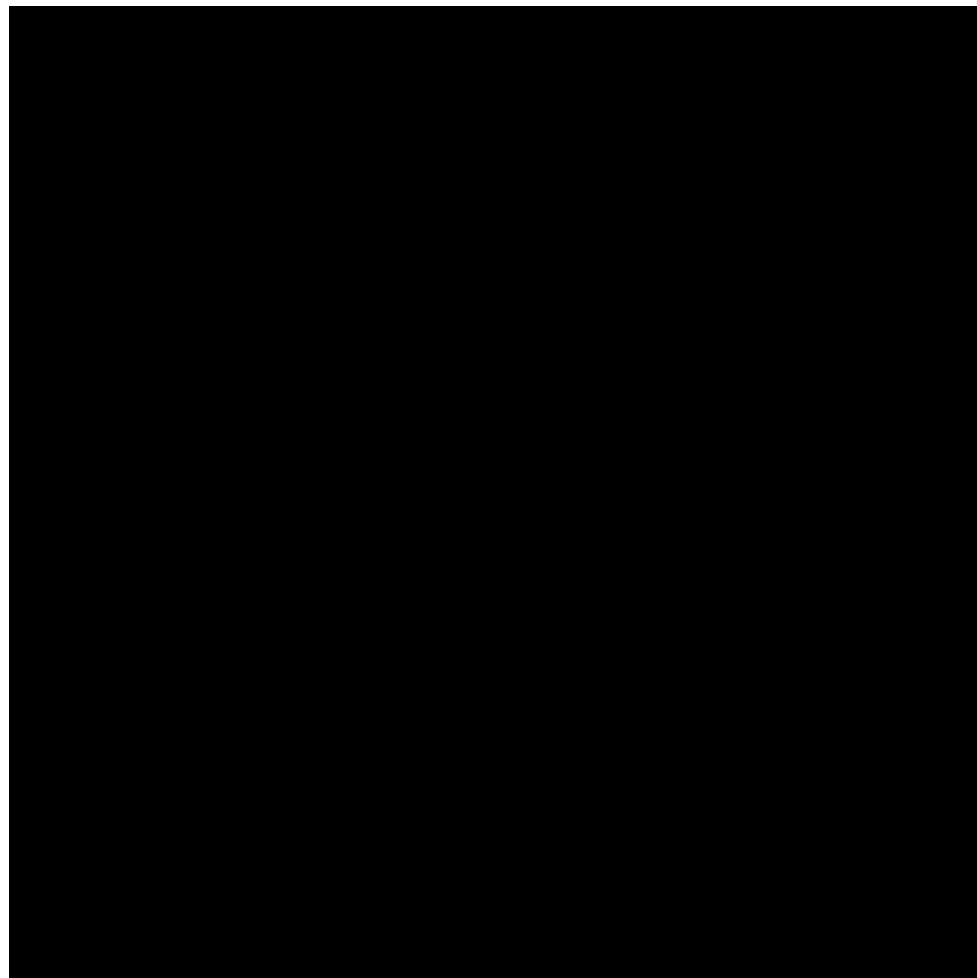
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PROPOSAL

INCREASE LEGAL LENGTH OF CARRIERS

Iowa's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act 11 to increase the legal length of car carriers, which are often referred to as "car haulers". This proposal shows the current legal length for car carriers under 321.457 of the Iowa Code, and the proposed FAST Act. Because Iowa's current legal length is 80 feet, which prohibits a state from increasing the length of a carrier.

Section 321.457 of the Iowa code to increase the maximum length of 80 feet to a maximum length of 80 feet and a rear overhang of

IOWA LAW

4-FOOT FRONT CARGO OVERHANG
6-FOOT REAR CARGO OVERHANG
80-FOOT MAXIMUM LENGTH EXCLUDING OVERHANGS



FAST ACT WITH FEDERAL LAW



**ADJUSTING IOWA'S
LAW TO COMPLY
WITH THE FAST ACT
PROMOTES
SEAMLESS FREIGHT
MOVEMENT FOR
IOWA AND ACROSS
THE COUNTRY.**



■ STATES CURRENTLY IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE FAST ACT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION



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